

COLLABORATIVE MEETING MINUTES



Date: 11/21/25

Location: White County Board of Education

Attendees: 14

WCFC and Board
Bridge Recovery
Enotah Juvenile Family Therapy
Family Resource Center of NE GA
Social Services
White Co. Health Dept.
Hearts for Families
Creative Enterprises
White County News
Amped Kids

Announcements

Very brief announcement from White County Family Connection to leave time for data review.

- White Christmas final weeks. Gift pick-ups Dec. 12 and 13
- Shop with a Cop, Dec. 18 and 19
- Monthly Food Distribution, Dec. 17

Presenter: Virginia Dick, Georgia Family Connection

Meeting Recap:

- Data for children and families in White County
- Data for collaborative functioning
- How to use data to design and implement strategies
- Reviewed White County profile from 2019-2023.
 - Interest in teen pregnancy and birth rates, other drug use besides alcohol, STD incidences.
 - Absenteeism rates higher than state (countywide focus this school year), graduation rate is higher than state average.
 - Incidents of child abuse and neglect high this year
 - Lack of safe and stable housing
- Reviewed our Annual Plan focuses:
 - Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health: Deep dive into statistics for drinking and self-harm.
 - Safe and Stable Families: partially implemented. Reviewed statistics for child abuse and neglect, specific areas of poverty in White County (pg. 37 in presentation)
 - Additional data: Food insecurity, SNAP benefits

Next Meeting:
Jan. 16, 11 a.m.

Jacqueline Toney, Adult Education Adjunct Instruction, will speak about the White County Adult Learning Center and its many services, such as helping adults earn their GED, achieve computer literacy and other basic skills.